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LUMINESCENT QUANTUM DOTS  
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CONJUGATES THEREOF AND  
RELATED COMPOSITIONS AND  
METHODS OF USE

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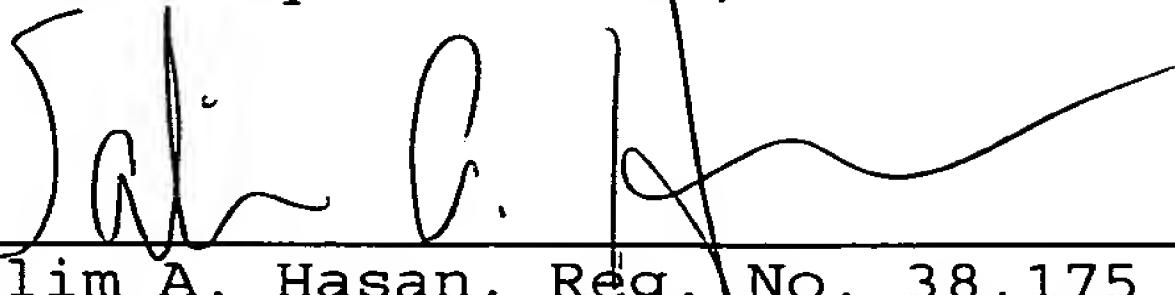
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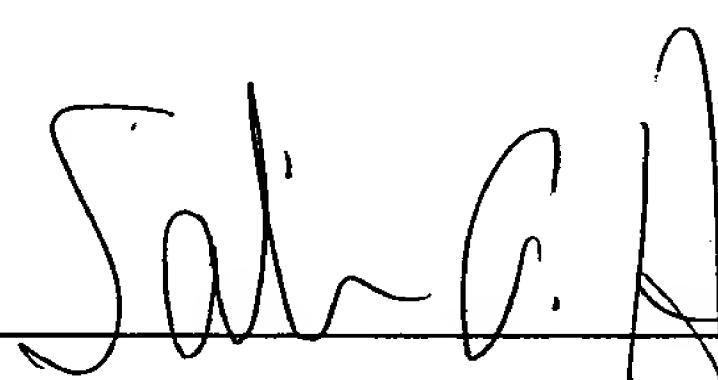
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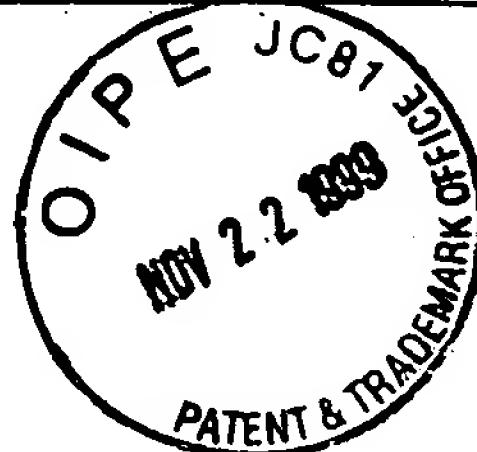
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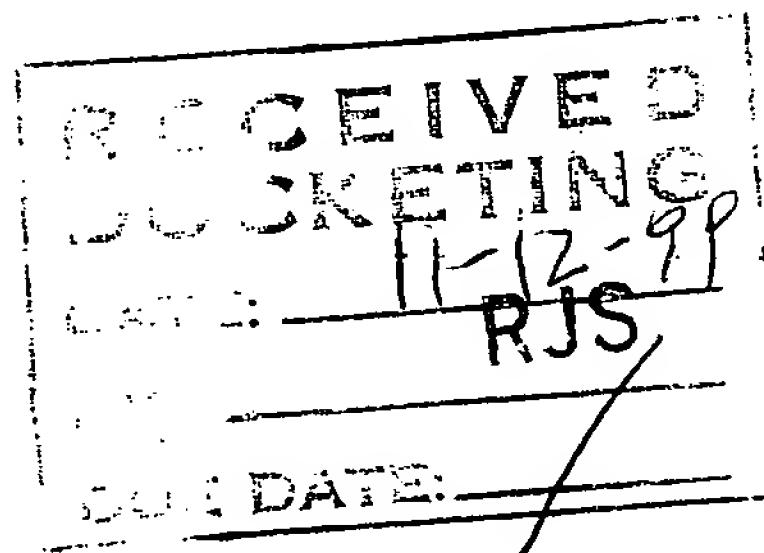
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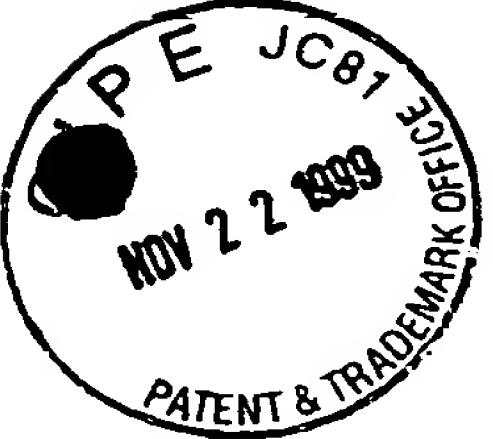


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## WATER-SOLUBLE LUMINESCENT QUANTUM DOTS AND BIOMOLECULAR CONJUGATES THEREOF AND RELATED COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

5 This application claims priority to U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/101,748, filed September 24, 1998, and U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/131,987, filed April 30, 1999.

### GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

10 This invention was made, in part, with funding from the National Science Foundation under Grant No. CHE-9610254 and from the Department of Energy under Grant No. FG02-98ER 24873. Therefore, the United States of America may have certain rights in the invention.

### 15 TECHNICAL FIELD OF INVENTION

The present invention relates to a water-soluble luminescent quantum dot, a biomolecular conjugate thereof and a composition comprising such a quantum dot or conjugate. Additionally, the present invention relates to a method of obtaining a luminescent quantum dot, a method of making a biomolecular conjugate thereof, and 20 methods of using a biomolecular conjugate for ultrasensitive nonisotopic detection *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The development of sensitive nonisotopic detection systems for use in 25 biological assays has significantly impacted many research and diagnostic areas, such as DNA sequencing, clinical diagnostic assays, and fundamental cellular and molecular biology protocols. Current nonisotopic detection methods are mainly based on organic reporter molecules that undergo enzyme-linked color changes or are fluorescent, luminescent, or electroactive (Kricka, Ed., *Nonisotopic Probing, Blotting, and Sequencing*, Academic Press, New York, 1995; Issac, Ed., *Protocols for Nucleic Acid Analysis by Nonradioactive Probes*, Humana, Totowa, NJ, 1994; and Diamandis and Christopoulos, Eds., *Immunoassay*, Academic Press, New York, 1996). While 30 these nonisotopic systems solve the problems associated with radioisotopic detection,